

#### **IC 25-1-4**

##### **Chapter 4. Continuing Education**

#### **IC 25-1-4-0.3**

##### **"Board" defined**

Sec. 0.3. As used in section 3 of this chapter, "board" means any of the following:

- (1) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (IC 15-5-1.1).
- (2) Indiana athletic trainers board (IC 25-5.1-2-1).
- (3) Board of chiropractic examiners (IC 25-10-1).
- (4) State board of dentistry (IC 25-14-1).
- (5) Indiana dietitians certification board (IC 25-14.5-2-1).
- (6) Indiana state board of health facility administrators (IC 25-19-1).
- (7) Committee on hearing aid dealer examiners (IC 25-20-1-1.5).
- (8) Indiana hypnotist committee (IC 25-20.5-1-7).
- (9) Medical licensing board of Indiana (IC 25-22.5-2).
- (10) Indiana state board of nursing (IC 25-23-1).
- (11) Occupational therapy committee (IC 25-23.5).
- (12) Social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board (IC 25-23.6).
- (13) Indiana optometry board (IC 25-24).
- (14) Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26).
- (15) Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27-1).
- (16) Physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5).
- (17) Board of podiatric medicine (IC 25-29-2-1).
- (18) Board of environmental health specialists (IC 25-32).
- (19) State psychology board (IC 25-33).
- (20) Respiratory care committee (IC 25-34.5).
- (21) Speech-language pathology and audiology board (IC 25-35.6-2).

*As added by P.L.269-2001, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-0.6**

##### **"Practitioner" defined**

Sec. 0.6. As used in section 3 of this chapter, "practitioner" means an individual who holds:

- (1) an unlimited license, certificate, or registration;
- (2) a limited or probationary license, certificate, or registration;
- (3) a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit;
- (4) an intern permit; or
- (5) a provisional license;

issued by the board regulating the profession in question.

*As added by P.L.269-2001, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-1**

##### **Requirement**

Sec. 1. No board or agency regulating a profession or occupation

under this title or under IC 15, IC 16, or IC 22 may require continuing education as a condition of certification, registration, or licensure unless so specifically authorized or mandated by statute.  
*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-2**

##### **Promotion**

Sec. 2. A board or agency regulating a profession or occupation under this title or under IC 15, IC 16, or IC 22 may cooperate with members of the profession or occupation it regulates to promote continuing education within the profession or occupation.  
*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-3**

##### **Sworn statements of compliance; retention of copies of certificates of completion; audits**

Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a board that is specifically authorized or mandated to require continuing education as a condition to renew a registration, certification, or license must require a practitioner to comply with the following renewal requirements:

(1) The practitioner shall provide the board with a sworn statement signed by the practitioner that the practitioner has fulfilled the continuing education requirements required by the board.

(2) The practitioner shall retain copies of certificates of completion for continuing education courses for three (3) years from the end of the licensing period for which the continuing education applied. The practitioner shall provide the board with copies of the certificates of completion upon the board's request for a compliance audit.

(b) Every two (2) years the board shall randomly audit for compliance more than one percent (1%) but less than ten percent (10%) of the practitioners required to take continuing education courses.

*As added by P.L.269-2001, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-3.2**

##### **Distance learning methods**

Sec. 3.2. A board or agency regulating a profession or occupation under this title or under IC 15, IC 16, or IC 22 shall require that at least one-half (50%) of all continuing education requirements must be allowed by distance learning methods, except for doctors, nurses, chiropractors, optometrists and dentists.

*As added by P.L.227-2001, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 25-1-4-4**

##### **Hardship waiver**

Sec. 4. A board, a commission, a committee, or an agency regulating a profession or occupation under this title or under IC 15,

IC 16, or IC 22 may grant an applicant a waiver from all or part of the continuing education requirement for a renewal period if the applicant was not able to fulfill the requirement due to a hardship that resulted from any of the following:

- (1) Service in the armed forces of the United States during a substantial part of the renewal period.
- (2) An incapacitating illness or injury.
- (3) Other circumstances determined by the board or agency.

*As added by P.L.88-2004, SEC.1.*